

Office of Strategic Services
Mission to Germany
United States Forces
European Theater

BLACK, EDWIN F.

AFPO 655
25 September 1945

Subject: Application for European Studies Course.

To : War Department, Washington, 25, D.C.

1. Reference is made to Section II, War Department Circular No. 172, dated 9 June 1945.

2. It is requested that the undersigned be detailed as a student officer in the next European Studies Course.

3. My qualifications for this course are as follows:

a. Regular Army officer, thirty years of age, with two years overseas service in England, France and Germany.

b. Have working knowledge of the French and German languages.

c. Am studying Russian through the Armed Forces Extension Courses conducted by the University of Chicago.

d. During my two years overseas service I have been assigned to the Office of Strategic Services. In the performance of my duties with this organization I have:

(1) Acquired an intimate personal knowledge of the geography of Europe as a result of extensive travelling in England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and Switzerland.

(2) Become extremely well acquainted with the contemporary political, economic and social institutions of modern Europe as I have been handling the procurement and processing of secret intelligence dealing primarily with these matters for the past two years.

e. My personal hobby is the study of modern European history and its relation to international affairs with particular reference to the foreign policies and economic development of the USSR.

f. My efficiency ratings for the past four years: Superior.

g. Am physically qualified for foreign duty.

h. Particularly desire to continue my overseas service in some military capacity which would give me the opportunity to work on Russian matters.

i. Current military duty: Commanding Officer, OSS Mission to Germany.

EDWIN F. BLACK
Lt. Col., GAC 0-23012
Commanding

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Authority: DND 47589

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SPECIAL OPERATIONS
(BRANCH)
OSS DETACHMENT
European T of Opns, USA

201 - **BLACK, EDWIN F.**

~~5 December 1944~~
(Date)

Subject: Promotion of **EDWIN F. BLACK**

To : Commanding Officer, OSS Detachment, European T of Opns USA.

1. Under the provisions of AR 605-12, it is recommended that the following officer be promoted as indicated:

a. EDWIN F. BLACK O-23012
(First Name) (Middle Initial) (Last Name) (ASN)

b. 29 Graduated US Military Academy - June, 1940
(Age) (Total active commissioned service)

c. Regular Army 2d Lt 1st Lt 11 June 1943
(Date of entry on EAD) (Grade) (Permanent grade) (Date of Order)

d. Major 20 October 1943
(Grade held AUS) (Date of Order) (Grade held AUS-AC) (Date of Or)

e. CAC AUS (R.A.)
(Arm or Service) (Component)

f. 1st Colonel Chief, SO,
(Grade to which recommended) PARIS
(Duty Assignment) (T/O No)

2. Including time and one half for overseas service, this officer has held his present grade in AUS for 19-1/2 months. He has clearly demonstrated his fitness for the responsibilities and duties of the position and grade for which recommended for a period of 12 months by actual occupation of a position and performance of duties appropriate to that grade and corresponding to the duties of the position he is to occupy. His service in present grade is recorded as follows (extracted from Officer's Qualification Card):

a. Asst S-3 H.D. of C.B. 1 Oct 1943
(Position Occupied) (Unit) (Period) 27 Oct 1943 Superior
(Manner of Perf)

b. D/S W.D. Assgd 3d Bn 28 Oct 1943
(Position Occupied) (Unit) (Period) 25 Nov 1943 N/R
(Manner of Perf)

c. Asst Planning OSS Det, 26 Nov 1943
Officer ETCUSA 28 Oct 1944 Superior
(Position Occupied) (Unit) (Period) (Manner of Perf)

d. Chief, S.O. OSS Det, 28 Oct 1944
Paris ETCUSA Present Superior
(Position Occupied) (Unit) (Period) (Manner of Perf)

3. The relative rank of this officer has been considered, and to the best of my knowledge and belief he is the best fitted officer available in this organization for the grade and position for which promotion is recommended.

4. A position vacancy exists in accordance with approved table of allotment for this organization, and the filling of such vacancy by the promotion of this officer, together with all previous recommendations not acted upon, will not operate to exceed the number of position vacancies.

(Signature)

~~WILLIAM G. BARTLETT~~
(Typed Name)

~~Colonel, CAV~~
(Chief of Branch)

Deputy

Incl(s):

Incl #1 - Personal History Statement.

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To:

1st Ind ,

1. Approved.

2. The relative rank of this officer has been considered, and to the best of my knowledge and belief he is the best fitted officer available in this organization for the grade and position for which promotion is recommended.

3. A position vacancy exists in accordance with approved table of allotment for this organization and the filling of such vacancy by the promotion of this officer, together with all previous recommendations not acted upon, will not operate to exceed the number of position vacancies that are authorized to be filled by promotion.

4. The 201 - file of this officer does not contain any record of reclassification or court-martial proceedings having been instituted in his case.

(Signature)

~~DAVID K. E. BRUCE~~
(Typed Name)

~~COLONEL, GSC~~
(Grade) COMMANDING

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26 December 1944

TO: The Chairman, OSS Officers Board

FROM: Operations Officer, ESO

THROUGH: (a) Chief, SO
(b) European Theater Officer
(c) The Chairman, SSO Board of Review
(d) The Deputy Director, SSO

SUBJECT: Request for Promotion of Major Edwin F. Black,
O-23012, CAC

ENCLOSURES: (A) Outline of Subject's Military Record
(B) Outline of Subject's Duties which Justify
Promotion

1. It is respectfully requested that subject be promoted from Major to Lieutenant Colonel. Date of last promotion 20 October 1943.
2. Subject's promotion has been recommended from the Theater by Enclosure (B).
3. There are 21 officers having greater time in grade, but they have received consideration before making this request.

Operations Officer, ESO

The above request is approved by the following:

(a) Chief, SO	(c) SSO Board of Review
by _____	by _____
Date: _____	Date: _____
(b) European Theater Officer	(d) Deputy Director, SSO
by _____	by _____

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ENCLOSURE "B"

OUTLINE OF SUBJECT'S DUTIES WHICH JUSTIFY PROMOTION

On 7 August 1944, when the Etat Major des Forces Francaises de l'Interieur (a tripartate organization composed of American, British and French) was set up, Major Black continued as Deputy Chief of the American Planning and Liaison Section, and in this capacity on 6 September 1944 was sent on temporary duty with SHAMF (Forward).

Subject officer was relieved of the above command as of 28 October 1944 and served as Chief, SO Branch, Paris.

Upon the departure of Colonels Bruce and Giblein, subject officer has been serving as Executive Officer, OSS, Paris. His future assignment will either be that of Executive Officer, or removal to London to serve as Deputy to the Chief of SO in his capacity as Co-Director, Special Force Headquarters.

This office is informed by the Chief, SO, London, that all of the several positions held by Major Black have merited the grade of Lieutenant Colonel and that he has discharged his duties in a superior manner.

GORDON A. TUBIN
Capt. 1st, AUS
Admin. Officer

COPY

SO BRANCH
Office of Strategic Services
European Theater of Operations
(Main)

COPY IN EACH FILE

9 December 1944

SUBJECT: Job Description and Justification to Accompany Recommendation for Promotion of Major Edwin F. Black

ARMY AIR POUCH ZL 715

MEMORANDUM:

TO

Mr. G. E. Miller, OSS, Washington, D. C.

1. The promotions of Major Black and Captain Brogger were approved by the Board here on the 7th of December and the necessary papers will be sent to Washington. Would you please make arrangements to have Washington process immediately and confirm results without delay?

2. Attached are copies of GO 116 awarding the DSC to Captain Cyr.

Best regards,

GORDON R. TOBIN
Captain, AUS
Adminis Officer

2. On 7 August 1944, when the Etat Major des Forces Francaises de l'Interieur (a tripartite organization composed of American, British and French) was set up, Major Black continued as Deputy Chief of the American Planning and Dissem Section, and in this capacity on 6 September 1944 was sent on temporary duty with SHAEF (Forward) and was charged with the following responsibilities:

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SO BRANCH
Office of Strategic Services
European Theater of Operations
United States Army
(Main)

APO 413
6 December 1944

SUBJECT: Job Description and Justification to Accompany Recommendation for Promotion of Major Edwin F. Black

TO : CO, Hq & Hq Detachment, OSS, European T of Opns

1. On 22 November 1943, Major Black was assigned as Deputy to the Chief of the SO Planning Section at Special Force Headquarters. In this capacity, he assisted in the preparation of all forward operational plans for the development, control and employment of Resistance Groups within the SHAEF sphere. In addition, Major Black also assisted in maintaining liaison with Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, Twelfth Army Group and the First and Third U. S. Armies. At this time, Major Black was actively engaged in coordinating SOE/SO facilities with the military plans and projects of the above-mentioned headquarters. He was also concerned with the preparation of annexes to be included in the Joint Operations Plans of U. S. Forces for operation "OVERLORD". These annexes outlined the types and intensities of activities which would be directed by Resistance Groups after D-Day, their control, including SOE/SO directly controlled groups and allied French groups, and the function and composition of the SO Detachments. He aided the A.C. of S, G-3, SHAEF, in the preparation of letters pointing out to Army Group and Armies concerned that there would be attached to them SO Detachments which would serve as a source of specific and general information for overall plans for use of Resistance Groups. During this period, Major Black was repeatedly recommended for promotion by his Chief because of the superior performance of his duties but, due to lack of promotional vacancies, it was impossible to effect his promotion at that time.

2. On 7 August 1944, when the Etat Major des Forces Francaises de l'Interieur (a tripartite organization composed of American, British and French) was set up, Major Black continued as Deputy Chief of the American Planning and Liaison Section, and in this capacity on 6 September 1944 was sent on temporary duty with SHAEF (Forward) and was charged with the following responsibilities:

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(a) Maintain liaison between EMFFI and the appropriate Sections of SHAEF (Forward) on all matters pertaining to the FFI, working closely with the Ops "C" Sub-Section, G-3 Division, SHAEF, on operational subjects.

(b) Maintain such liaison as is required between SHAEF, EMFFI in London and General Koenig's headquarters in Paris.

(c) Maintain up-to-date documentation concerning all FFI activities and prepare such staff studies relative to the FFI as might be required.

(d) Assist such members of the FFI as might be required to visit SHAEF in contacting the appropriate Section with that headquarters and in carrying out their missions.

(e) Perform such additional duties as might be required by SHAEF or EMFFI.

3. Since 28 October 1944 Major Black has served as Chief, SO Branch, Paris, and has discharged his duties in a superior manner.

4. From the foregoing, it is apparent that, though Major Black has successively occupied several positions meriting the grade of Lt Colonel and has discharged his duties in a superior manner, he has not, in recent times, held a position for the requisite three months. This circumstance has been entirely incident to the convenience of this Branch. It is believed that an unfavorable consideration of this recommendation on the basis of insufficient time in his current assignment would unduly penalize the officer.

William G. Bartlett

WILLIAM G. BARTLETT,
Colonel, Cav,
Deputy Chief

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT
OF COMMISSIONED OFFICER

~~5 December 1944~~
(Date)

~~EDWIN~~ (First Name) ~~P.~~ (Middle Initial) ~~BLACK~~ (Last Name) ~~MAJOR~~ (Grade) ~~CAC~~ (A or S)

TOTAL COMMISSIONED MILITARY SERVICE TO DATE

Original Appointment:
Date:

2d Lt - June 1940

Total length of commissioned service:
Grade:

2d Lt - 16 mos; 1st Lt - 9 mos

Cap - 15 mos; Maj - 13-1/2 mos

DATES OF PROMOTION TO GRADES

10 Oct 1941 1st Lt, AUS 20 July 1942 Capt, AUS 20 Oct 1943 Maj, AUS

Maj, AUS (AC) Lt Col, AUS Lt Col, AUS (AC) Col, AUS Col, AUS (AC)

ENLISTED (Indicate if none)

None

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS AND BRANCH SCHOOLS
(Indicate if none)

~~15 Feb 1941 to 7 Mar 1941 - CA Sch; 17 Jul 1941 to 26 Sept 1941 - Harvard U -
Electronics & C. R. Tubes; 1 Oct 1941 to 23 Dec 1941 - M.I.T.; Jan 1942 to Feb
1942 - CA Sch - RADAR; Oct 1942 to Nov 1942 - Unarmed Defense; Command & General
Staff School - 14th General Course - 1943~~
Education (Encircle)

No. of High School	University	Post Graduate	Specialized Technical
Years: 1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Grad: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Other courses not shown above:

EXPERIENCE: (Use reverse side of paper if more space is needed)

UNUSUAL CONDITIONS CONCERNING RECOMMENDATION

(Attach copies of any communications in officer's 201 - file wherein he has
been mentioned favorable or unfavorable)

Signature of Pers O

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ENCLOSURE "B"

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1. FROM: AREA OPERATIONS OFFICE OF BRANCH CHIEF, SO, Paris, France
2. THRU: Since 28 October 1944 Major Black has served as Chief, SO Branch, Paris, and has discharged his duties in a superior manner.

The above recommendation was from Colonel William G. Bartlett, Deputy Chief, SO, ETO.

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4. SPECIAL OPS TRAINING REQUIRED? Yes

15. HAS OFFICER BEEN INTERVIEWED BY SPECIAL AGENT? No

16. HAS OFFICER BEEN INTERVIEWED BY SPECIAL AGENT? No

17. HAS SPECIAL AGENT CHECKED OFFICER'S RECORD? No

18. THIS RECOMMENDATION IS WITHIN AN APPROVED ALLOWANCE LIMIT

19. ADVISORY BOARD ESSENTIAL & SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS; COMMENTS

Please arrange to interview subject; if satisfactory, obtain SA-1 forms.

20. SIGNATURE OF BRANCH CHIEF
R. H. Knapp
(for the Branch)
R. H. Knapp

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FORM PPB-2

OSS REQUISITION BY NAME

(Submit to PPB in duplicate)

TO: CHIEF, PERSONNEL PROCUREMENT BRANCH, OSS 2/4/43 25949
(Date)

1. FROM: AREA OPERATIONS OFFICER OR BRANCH CHIEF, R.H. Knapp BY _____

2. THRU: THE PERSONNEL OFFICER, SSO BY _____

3. THRU: THE M.E. THEATRE OFFICER, BY _____

4. NAME OF REQUISITIONING BRANCH ME-10 5. NO. (If any) MO-3-20

6. NAME Cyril Edwin Black 7. ASN Civilian 8. GRADE _____

9. BRANCH _____ 10. DATE OF BIRTH 9/10/15

11. PRESENT ASSIGNMENT & LOCATION _____

4 South Edwards Hall, Princeton, New Jersey

12. INTENDED ASSIGNMENT (Location & Job description) X Overseas US
Field agent or Desk man; Bulgarian Desk
in Middle East.

13. ESSENTIAL LANGUAGE FACILITY (If none, so state) _____

Bulgarian; also knows French, German, Russian

14. WILL SPECIAL OSS TRAINING BE REQUIRED? _____

Yes

15. HAS CANDIDATE BEEN INTERVIEWED? No BY WHOM? _____ INTERVIEW FAVORABLE? _____

16. HAS SA FORM BEEN ACCOMPLISHED? No 17. HAS SECURITY CHECK BEEN ORDERED? No

18. THIS REQUISITION IS WITHIN A TENTATIVELY APPROVED ALLOTMENT AN APPROVED ALLOTMENT DATED Civilian

19. ADDITIONAL ESSENTIAL & SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS; REMARKS _____

Please arrange to interview subject; if satisfactory, obtain SA-1 forms.

CONCURRENCE IF RELEASE OF CANDIDATE HAS BEEN GRANTED BY _____

(For Personnel Proc. Branch, OSS)

20. SUBMITTED BY _____

R.H. Knapp
(For the requisitioning Branch)

R. H. Knapp

(OVER)

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3 May 1946

(Suspense Date)

C E R T I F I C A T E

I hereby certify that the following items of government property which were issued to me by the Strategic Services Unit or the Office of Strategic Services are:

Bag, Sleeping	1
Pistol 32 Cal. W/Holster	1
x/x	

I further certify that immediately upon receipt of the above listed items, I will return them to:

Property Board - 101 Central Bldg.
Strategic Services Unit
War Department
25 E Sts., N.W.
Washington 25, D.C.

by mail, express, or other safe means of delivery.

Edwin F Black, Lt Col
(Name)

5804 Roosevelt St
(Home Address)

Bethesda, Md.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT
Office Ass't Secretary of War
WD Strategic Services Unit
2324 F. Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

NOTIFICATION TO CLEARANCE OFFICERS: After this date no Funds or Property
should be issued this officer.
2 Apr 46

SUBJECT: CLEARANCE

TO : Whom It May Concern

Under the provisions of C-9 Par 10b (4) (a) AR 210-10 dated 26 August 43,
I certify that Lt Col Edwin F. Black, CAC, 023012 is not indebted to
the United States or any of its agencies or Instrumentalities nor responsible
or accountable for any Government property incident to his tour of active duty
at this station during the period to 2 Apr 46 except as follows:

112 No. Bldg	Lt. Blake	3/11/46	1st Lt. F. Black
101 * 103 Ctl Bldg	Property Board	3 Apr 46	ESTER
113 Ctl Bldg	SO Supply	3 Apr 46	Colonel CAC
132 So. Bldg	Security	3 Apr 46	Colonel CAC
317 So. Bldg	Special Funds	3 Apr 46	Colonel CAC
1281 Q. Bldg	Medical Division	3 Apr 46	Colonel CAC
221 Admin	Dir Office	3 Apr 46	Colonel CAC

I Certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief I am clear of re-
sponsibility for property, equipment, mess bills and personal telephone calls
pertaining to the above organization, and that I am free of indebtedness to
civilian concerns in the vicinity.

(Name) Edwin F. Black
Lt Col, CAC

and (was) (was not) furnished Government quarters during the period of his
duty at this headquarters from : to:

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CARL V. CASH,
1st Lt., AC,
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT
Office of Strategic Services
2324 F Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

2 Apr 46

SUBJECT: Manner-of-Performance Rating.

TO : Chief of Branch

Request that the following form be completed and immediately returned to this headquarters in order to bring up-to-date the "D AGO 66-1 of:

Lt Col Edwin F. Black, CAC, 023012

who has been reassigned from WD OASH to Transfer

BY ORDER OF COLONEL FITZ:

Carl V. Cash
CARL V. CASH
1st Lt, AC
Asst Adjutant

Period Reported on: From: 1 JAN 46 To: 2 APR 46

Type of Duty Performed: Enroute - T/D - Emergency leave during this period
No rating to be given.

MANNER OF PERFORMANCE

What degree of success has he attained under the following? Place an "X" in the appropriate space to denote rating. Enter the proper numerical value in the appropriate column under "total value." No value should be entered for rating of unknown. NUMERICAL RATING equals the net value divided by the total number of entries for which a numerical rating was given.

	RAT.	Unsat	Sat	V.S.	Sup	Un-	Total Value					
	VAL.	-4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Known	-Total	Total
1. Physical Activity & Endurance												
2. Stability under Pressure												
3. Attention to Duty												
4. Cooperation												
5. Initiative												
6. Intelligence												
7. Force												
8. Judgment & Common Sense												
9. Leadership												
10. Ability to Obtain Results												

For the Director

Knox P. Pruden
(signature of reporting officer)

Knox P. Pruden, Col. AGD

Adjutant
(grade & title)

Totals:

: - : +

Net Value

: Numerical

: Rating

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✓ S/P Black
KPP/lbc

Director's Office, SSU, OASW, WD, 25th & E. Sts., N.W., Washington,
D.C., 5 January, 1946

To: Commanding General, Army Ground Forces,
War Department, Washington, D.C.

Approved and recommended.

For the Director:

KNOX P. PRUDEN
Colonel, AGF
Adjutant

Original ltr. dtd 24 December 1945

Subject: Application for the Third European Staff Officers
Study Course

To : Commanding Officer, Strategic Services Unit,
War Department, Washington, D.C.

From : Edwin F. Black, Lt. Col., GSC, Commanding
Mission to Germany, U.S. Forces, European Theater

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STRATEGIC SERVICES UNIT, WAR DEPARTMENT
MISSION TO GERMANY
U.S. FORCES, EUROPEAN THEATER

APC 757
24 December 1945

Subject: Application for the Third European Staff Officers
Study Course

TO : Commanding Officer, Strategic Services Unit,
War Department, Washington, D.C.

1. It is requested that the enclosed application for the Third European Staff Officers Study Course be approved and forwarded to the Adjutant General, War Department, prior to 10 January 1946.

2. My application for the Second European Staff Officers Study Course which you approved unfortunately was forwarded to the War Department too late for consideration. Therefore, I am particularly anxious to have the enclosed application reach the War Department as soon as possible, particularly since this course begins on or about 11 February 1946.

Edwin F. Black

EDWIN F. BLACK
Lt. Colonel, GSC
Commanding

cc: Registry

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Edwin F. Black

Black

1st Indorsement

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STRATEGIC SERVICES UNIT, WASHINGTON, D. C., 10 October 1945 03

TO: The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

1. Approved and recommended.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

KNOX P. PRUDEN
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant

Per 49

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To:

SEARCH, OSS, ET OUSA

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SECTION 1 (TO BE COMPLETED BY INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED)

V.M.B.

NAME EDWIN F. BLACK GRADE Maj. SERIAL NO O-23012CITIZEN OR NON-CITIZEN CitizenNATIONALITY (BY BIRTH OR ANCESTRY) AmericanDATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH 17 Aug. 1915, New Orleans, La.MARRIED OR SINGLE Single NO OF DEPENDENTS OneHOME ADDRESS 5804 Roosevelt St., Bethesda, Md.DATE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE 11 June 1940 DATE OF PRESENT RANK 20 Oct. 1943NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN Mrs. Lillian F. Black, 5804 Roosevelt St., Bethesda, Md.WOUNDS OR SERIOUS HOSPITALIZATIONS NoneRECEIVING PARACHUTE PAY: ~~YES~~, NO (CROSS OUT ONE) _____SECTION 2 (NOT TO BE COMPLETED BY INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED)

SECURITY APPROVAL DATE _____

DATE OF TRANSFER TO OSS 23 November 1943GENERAL CLASSIFICATION OF DUTY (OFFICE, STAFF, INSTRUCTING, FIELD OPERATIONS, ETC) Staff

DECORATIONS OR CITATIONS _____

DATE OF RETURN TO U.S. OR DATE OF TRANSFER TO ORGANIZATION OTHER THAN SO _____

PERSONNEL INFORMATION FORM

AND

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To:

To: Cc

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COPY IN EACH FILE

JAN 30 1945

201 - Black, Edwin F
Kirkpatrick, Lyman B

SUBJECT: Promotions

TO : European Theater Officer

1. Recommendations for the promotion of Major Edwin F Black, 023012, CAC, to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel, and Captain Lyman B Kirkpatrick, Junior, 0925471, AUS, to the grade of Major have been approved by the Branches, the OSS Board of Officers and the Acting Director, and it is accordingly in order to notify the Commanding Officer, OSS, in the theater, to submit recommendations for their promotion to the grades of Lieutenant Colonel and Major, respectively, to the Commanding General of the theater for action.

2. It is requested that this headquarters be notified immediately of the final action.

R H OLIVER
Lt Col, CAC
Recorder

Copies to: SI
SO

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QPO655-
Bielefeld, Germany
25 September 1945

Dear Mr. Gamble,

I am forwarding herewith (by the hand of Lt. Col. Barding) my application to attend an European studies course which is being conducted by the War Department. Lt. Col. Sibling has no objection to this application.

As it is past the deadline for submitting these applications thru the USFET channels, I am sending it direct to OSS Washington so that they can forward it to the War Department. This procedure was discussed with the authorities here at USFET who said that as our OSS units in Europe were considered on D/S from the Washington Hq. it would be quite proper to send my application to Washington thru OSS channels for submission to the War Dept there.

I would greatly appreciate it if OSS, Washington would submit it to the War Department with a favorable 1st endorsement, as I am extremely anxious to get to this school and continue my studies in current European affairs.

I do not know what the deadline for these applications will be in the States, but I understand the next European studies course begins about 22 October, 45 at Princeton Univ. Therefore I would certainly appreciate it if you would give this application your personal attention and see that it is forwarded to the War Dept as soon as possible (before 1 Oct would be best as I don't know what my status will be after that date)

With kindest personal regards, I am

yours sincerely,
Edwin F. Black

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Authority LND 47589

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Washington, D. C.

INTEROFFICE MEMO

13 September 1945

TO: All Personnel

All of you who served with the Office of Strategic Services were required to share responsibility for the security of its operations and its personnel. Many of you signed an oath that you would not disclose information gained by reason of your employment or assignment to this agency.

You were asked to do so because you were entrusted with highly classified information which pertained to the war against our enemies. OSS maintained an exceptional standard of security. You are to be congratulated on the manner in which you discharged your obligations.

With the defeat of our enemies, the work of this organization is substantially completed. Accordingly, many of the reasons for stringent security obligations have ceased to exist. It is the purpose of this memorandum to modify these obligations.

Specifically, you are hereby officially advised that verbal discussion, in general terms, of the following war time activities of OSS is now authorized:

Permitted Disclosures

It may be said that OSS personnel performed special reconnaissance activities behind enemy lines and assisted in the training and supplying of resistance and partisan groups, thereby enabling them effectively to support the Allied Armies. The establishment of training areas, supply bases and transportation units, both in this country and overseas, were necessary to accomplish these objectives.

In the field of intelligence operations, it may be indicated that OSS personnel engaged in the collection, analysis and dissemination of information affecting all phases of enemy and enemy-occupied countries -- military, economic, political and geographical. It may be said that OSS agents, both American and foreign, in uniform and in civilian clothes, penetrated enemy-held territory in order to obtain this information. It may be explained that T-forces, in the vanguard of the Allied

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Armies, captured documents of great military and economic value to the Allied cause. It may also be said that OSS personnel were assigned to the task of collecting and analyzing information on individuals who were engaged in subversive or intelligence operations on behalf of the enemy.

It is permissible to explain that there were recruited, for both these major functions, civilian and military experts of varied and diverse backgrounds. Close liaison was maintained with other American and Allied agencies and departments engaged in similar activities.

A large staff of administrative, service and clerical personnel was required to implement these activities. Special branches engaged in experimentation and development of arms and equipment, map preparation, reproduction, communications, psychological warfare studies, photography and medical services, each of which made vital contributions to the over-all program.

Accordingly, (but subject to the limitations outlined below) your own work with the Office of Strategic Services may now be disclosed, orally, to your family and your friends. However, in spite of the fact that we have won total victory over our enemies, there remain certain facts which are not and should not become known to foreign governments. There are others which would cause embarrassment and danger to our own government, our allies, and to certain of our brave and courageous associates who hastened the hour of victory. In this connection it is particularly important that the identity of operational personnel should not be disclosed unless they have been publicly mentioned as being connected with this organization. Accordingly, there shall be no mention whatsoever of any of the following:

Forbidden Disclosures

1. Any activity of OSS other than that set forth under the permitted disclosures described above.
2. Any information of any kind from OSS or other sources (except the generalized OSS information described above) which remains classified in the files of OSS, or, if from another originating agency, in the files of that agency.
3. Any details of operations including for example, any special techniques, devices, methods or identity of personnel employed in clandestine or cover operations.
4. Any reference of any kind or character, as to the name, organization, function or personnel of any of the counterparts of OSS in allied governments.

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Although the same general policy may be followed in connection with stories released to the press, radio, and in connection with books and speeches, all material for public distribution must be submitted to the Director, or Reports Declassification Office, (or, if overseas, to the Strategic Services Officer) for clearance.

At all times I ask you to bear in mind that the Office of Strategic Services was created as a war agency. It had, and it has now, no other mandate. It was created solely to hasten the defeat of our enemies. That job is done.



William J. Donovan
Director

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Recommendation for award of Bronze Star Medal.
200.6 - Bronze Star Medal.

President, Chief 27 Nov
OSS SO Branch 1944
Awards &
Decorations
Board

1. Attached hereto is letter, prepared for the signature of the Commanding Officer and addressed to the CG, European Theater of Operations, recommending the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Major Edwin F. Black, O-23012, CAC. An original and nine copies of the letter are attached.

2. If approved by your Board, it is requested that this letter be forwarded to Colonel Bruce for signature and dispatch to Theater Headquarters.

3. It is requested that whatever classification is deemed necessary be placed on these papers.

GERALD E. MILLER
Chief, SO.

cc to:
SO File
War Diary
Maj Rafferty.

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Office of Strategic Services
European Theater of Operations
UNITED STATES ARMY

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APO 887
25 November 1944

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Bronze Star Medal

TO : Commanding General, European Theater of Operations,
United States Army, APO 887, US Army

1. a. It is recommended that EDWIN F. BLACK, O-23012, Major, CAC, United States Army, Office of Strategic Services, European Theater of Operations, APO 887, United States Army, be awarded the BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

b. Major Black was serving as Deputy Chief, Planning Section, Special Operations Branch, Office of Strategic Services and as Liaison Officer at Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, at the time of the act or service for which this award is recommended.

c. Name and address of nearest relative: Mother: Mrs. L. F. Black, 5804 Roosevelt Street, Bethesda, Maryland.

d. Entered military service from: Maryland.

e. Decorations previously awarded: None.

f. The entire service of Major Black has been honorable since the rendition by him of the act or service upon which this recommendation is based.

g. A similar recommendation for this individual has not been submitted.

2. a. The officer recommending this award has personal knowledge of the act or service upon which this recommendation was based.

b. Major Edwin F. Black, O-23012, CAC, United States Army, while serving as a member of the Special Operations Branch, Office of Strategic Services Detachment, European Theater of Operations, distinguished himself by meritorious services in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.

c. Detailed narrative of services for which this award is recommended:

In order to carry out the directives of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Special Operations Branch of the Office of Strategic Services was faced with planning, organizing, and effecting a type of warfare entirely new on the part of the Armed Forces of the United States and for which no American precedents were available.

The work charged to this organization consisted principally of organizing of the headquarters and headquarters staff; acquiring, organizing, equipping, staffing and operating a Packing Station for the receipt, storage, packing and dispatch of supplies and equipment to be parachuted into enemy occupied territory for use by resistance groups, including also a parachute packing, repair and modification shop; procurement and training of staffs to accompany the Armies into the field to assure the most effective coordination of the activities of resistance groups; procurement, training and infiltration of agents into enemy and enemy occupied territory for the purpose of organizing, equipping, training and directing the activities of resistance groups, setting up escape lines for the crews of allied aircraft shot down by the enemy or forced down in enemy occupied territory, directing acts of sabotage, and directing guerilla warfare activities against the enemy; the procurement, training and dispatch after D-Day into enemy territory of specially selected and highly trained three man teams (Jedburghs) and Operational Groups to assume active leadership of resistance groups.

On 26 December 1943, Major Black was assigned as Deputy Chief, Planning Section, Special Operations Branch, Office of Strategic Services, and as Liaison Officer at Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, for matters pertaining to the organization, equipping and operations of Resistance Forces in France. In this position he displayed outstanding judgment, initiative, and executive ability in assisting in the formulation of plans for American assistance in the conduct of sabotage and guerilla warfare activities by French Resistance Forces and in coordinating such plans with the military plans of Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces. To his constant zeal, complete application to duty and keen insight into the practical aspects and possibilities of the use of resistance forces, a great deal of the credit is due for the success achieved by the Special Operations Branch.

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d. Proposed Citation:

"Major EDWIN F. BLACK, O-23012, Coast Artillery Corps, Army of the United States, for meritorious services in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 26 December 1943 to 23 September 1944. During this period, Major Black, as Deputy Chief, Planning Section, Special Operations Branch, Office of Strategic Services, rendered valuable services in connection with the planning of the operations of Resistance Forces in France and in coordinating those plans with the military plans of Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces. His keen insight into the practical aspects and possibilities of the use of resistance forces, his keen judgment, and his complete application to duty, contributed greatly to the success of the work of his organization in the organization, equipping, and operations of French Resistance Forces and the success achieved by them in their operations against the enemy on and subsequent to D-Day. The work performed by Major Black reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland."

DAVID K. E. BRUCE,
Colonel, GSC,
Commanding

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Office of Strategic Services
European Theater of Operations
UNITED STATES ARMY
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APC 887
20 November 1944

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Bronze Star Medal

TO : Commanding General, European Theater of Operations,
United States Army, APC 887, US Army

1. a. It is recommended that MICHEL G. BLOCH, O-887929, 2d Lieutenant, Army of the United States, Office of Strategic Services, European Theater of Operations, APC 887, United States Army, be awarded the BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

b. Lieutenant Bloch was serving as a Liaison Officer and Instructor with Resistance Groups in a Combat Zone at the time of the act or service for which this award is recommended.

c. Name and address of nearest relative: Mother: Mrs. Simon van Motter Bloch, 117 Waverly Place, New York, N.Y.

d. Entered military service from: New York, U.S.A.

e. Decorations previously awarded: None.

f. The entire service of Lieutenant Bloch has been honorable since the rendition by him of the act or service upon which this recommendation is based.

g. A similar recommendation for this individual has not been submitted.

2. a. The officer recommending this award has personal knowledge of the act or service upon which this recommendation was based.

b. This recommendation is supported by established records of accomplishments of Resistance Groups during the period of the invasion and liberation of France which are of public knowledge.

c. 2d Lieutenant Michel G. Bloch, O-887929, Army of the United States, while serving as a member of the SO Branch, Office of Strategic Services Detachment, European Theater of Operations, distinguished himself by meritorious services in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.

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d. Detailed narrative of services for which this award is recommended:

On 1 September 1944 Lieutenant Bloch was parachuted into the Allier Department of France for duty with one of the Maquis battalions in that Department. In the course of his work, he displayed outstanding initiative and resourcefulness particularly in connection with the surrender of nineteen thousand Germans in this sector.

This column of German soldiers passed through Saneoins, fully armed. It was reported that they had already concluded an armistice with the U. S. Third Army, the terms of which permitted them to retain their arms until they had reached the Loire. This armistice was extremely unpopular with the Maquis who wanted the Germans to surrender to them and they did not understand why they were allowed to keep their arms. Most of them wanted to continue the fight.

Lieutenant Bloch, realizing the serious consequences if fighting were to recommence, talked to the men at length and succeeded in making them understand that the most intelligent course was not to indulge in personal vengeance on the German soldiers but to get them out of France altogether and insure an early peace for France. Thus a fresh outbreak of hostilities, which would not only have nullified the existing armistice but would also have caused many unnecessary deaths, was averted by the intelligent action of Lieutenant Bloch.

In all other respects, the mission was carried out intelligently and effectively and Lieutenant Bloch returned to duty with his organization on 19 September 1944. His conduct throughout this mission was at all times such as to reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States.

e. Proposed Citation:

"Second Lieutenant MICHEL G. BLOCH, Army of the United States, for meritorious services in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 1 September 1944 to 19 September 1944. During this period Lieutenant Bloch served with a Maquis battalion in the Allier Department of France. On one occasion, displaying great initiative and resourcefulness, Lieutenant Bloch averted an attack by the Maquis on approximately 19,000 Germans who were passing, fully armed, through Saneoins, France, under armistice terms which permitted them to retain their arms until they reached the Loire where they were surrendering to American Forces. Had the attack

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by the Maquis taken place not only would the armistice have been nullified but a great many unnecessary deaths would have been caused. The action of Lieutenant Bloch throughout his period of assignment with the Maquis reflected great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from the United States."

DAVID K. E. BRUCE,
Colonel, GSC,
Commanding

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SEPARATION PROCESS
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Date Interviewed 7 Feb. - 46 OSS Branch OCM Put in Pool YES
NO

Name of Interviewer LT Blake

Name EDWIN F BLACK Rank LT COL ASN O-23012
(First) (Init) (Last)

Date of Birth 17 Aug 1915 Yrs. of Service CAC Source of Comm. REGULAR Auth. to live in Town _____

Present Address _____ Phone _____

Home Address BETHESDA MARYLAND Phone _____

Length of Service Overseas 27 (22) Months Service 60 (55)

No. of Points 77 (3 Points +) Desires to remain in Army YES

Duty performed with OSS (CO of German Mission)

FOR ACTION: MOS _____
Changed to _____

Recommendation: Trf. To _____ Br. Control # _____
Trf. To Naval Command _____

COMMENTS: Asgd to OPD - check WD orders.

FINAL ACTION: Return to Army _____ For Rotation and Reassignment _____
For Reassignment _____ Discharge on Age _____
Discharge on Pts. _____ Discharge (Other) _____

FILE REFERRED TO: _____

PROCESSING: Date Processed _____
Disposition:

Trf. out to Hq. _____ Date _____
File to Returnee Sect. _____ Date _____
File to File Sect. _____ Date _____

Col King - CAC det - AGF G-1 (WD 3454)

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THEATER SERVICE RECORD

1. NAME BLACK, Edwin F. Lt. Colonel 6. THEATER ETO BRANCH OCM
2. GRADE Lt. Colonel 7. LENGTH OF SERVICE
IN THEATER 2 years - 3 months
3. SERIAL NO. 0-23012 8. PROCURED X U.S. THEATER
4. DATE OF BIRTH 17 August 1915 9. COMMENT OF THEATER SAFISFACTORY
SECURITY OFFICER E. P. Shumaker
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION Superior
10. EDUCATION 2 years CE at George Washington University - BS-CE-USMA 1940
11. LANGUAGE French(some) German (little)
12. SPECIAL SKILL Regular Army officer
13. PRINCIPAL CIVILIAN EXPERIENCE Student
14. MILITARY OR NAVAL EXPERIENCE PRIOR TO OSS Normal duties in Coast Artillery
Posts on eastern sea-board as well as details at various Army schools
including the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth.
15. RECORD OF SERVICE WITH OSS
- | DATES | BRANCH | GRADE OR RANK | DUTY |
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16. RATING

	SUPERIOR EXCELLENT	VERY SATISFACTORY SATISFACTORY	UNSATIS FACTORY
MOTIVATION, ENERGY, EFFORT, INITIATIVE, INTEREST IN ASSIGNMENT.	X		
PRACTICE INTELLIGENCE, SPEED AND ACCURACY OF JUDGMENT, RESOURCEFULNESS IN SOLVING PROBLEMS.		X	
STABILITY, EMOTIONAL CONTROL AND MATUREITY, ABSENCE OF NERVOUS SYMPTOMS.		X	
ABILITY TO WORK WITH OTHERS, TEAMWORK, TACT, ABSENCE OF ANNOYING TRAITS.		X	
LEADERSHIP, ORGANIZING ABILITY, ABILITY TO WIN COOPERATION.		X	
PHYSICAL ABILITY, AGILITY, DARING, RUGGEDNESS, STAMINA.	X		

17. REMARKS (BE SURE TO RECORD OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND WEAKNESSES)

Lt. Col. Black performed an outstanding job in commanding the
military establishment of OSS/SSU Mission to Germany.

18. COMPLETE REASONS FOR RETURN TO U.S.

Desires to enter a War Department Foreign Service School.

19. RECOMMENDATIONS (a) DO YOU RECOMMEND HIS FURTHER USE IN OSS? Yes

(b) IF SO, IN WHAT CAPACITY? In a job requiring dealings with the Army.

20. PAPERS ACCOMPANYING OFFICER (NEVER TO INCLUDE THIS FORM)

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3. 6.

21. PAPERS BEING FOUCHED TO U.S. - OSS (INCLUDING THIS FORM)

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PREPARED BY:

(MAN'S IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR OFFICER)

BRANCH CHIEF

PERSONNEL OFFICER

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ACTION

Atchd to FFI per SO #140, ETOUSA, dtd 11 Sept 44, eff 14 Aug 44.

~~J/Atchd~~ Asgd Plannning Staff

Hospitalization: None
Parachute Pay: No
Duty: Staff

General Orders #32 20 Dec 44 OSS ETOUSA . Verbal Orders CO eff 19 Dec 44 appoint Major Black, Deputy Executive Officer OSS ETOUSA

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Date of Rank

16 MAR 45
SO-40-7FG 46

Room No.

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Asgd To:

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Remarks:

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Date of Birth

Reld fr asgmt & duty Hq HDCB, Ft. Story, Va & asgd to OSS Wash DC w/station outside continental limits of US per Ltr O AG 210.31 (25 Oct 43) PO-A dtd 10-28-43. Sub "Movement Orders". Shipment OM-830-KK. asgd on DS London. 11-12-43.

Promoted temp Major AUS per P 11 SO 293 WD dtd 20 Oct 43

Prom temp Lt Col AUS per P 10 SO 75 Hq ETOUSA dtd & eff 16 Mar 45.

DS London to dy per Ltr O Hq USF ET eff 7 Jan Feb 46 (PCS); 9 Feb 46

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NAME
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INTERVIEWER
DATED

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OVERSEAS: REQUESTED
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TRANSFER: REQUESTED
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U. S. ASSIGNMENT

COMMISSION: APPLIED FOR

MIL. PERS. BD. OSS

SERVICE BOARD

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DATE
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DATE ENLISTED 11 June 1940

PRESENT RANK

Lt. Col
Major

DATE OF RANK

20 March 45
20 Oct 43

FINAL CHECKLIST

DEPARTURE: DATE

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OF SAFE ARRIVAL 23 Nov 43

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Paris

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ACTION

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Recommendation for promotion has been approved by Branch, the OSS Bd of Officers and the Acting Director, it is suggested this promotion be put through the Comdg Gen of the theatre for action. Letter signed by R. H. Oliver Lt Col, CAC, Recorder.

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Dy to emerg lv indefinite period Paris France; off 1 Mar 46; 7 Mar 46.
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1 Apr 46 Departed 2 Apr; 3 Apr 46 R Pool 75

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ACTION

Atchd to FFI per SO #140, ETOUSA, dtd 11 Sept 44, eff 14 Aug 44.

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Promoted to Lt. Col PF12, SO/60, ETC, dtd 20 March 45.

FORM OSSO #1

NAME BLACK, EDWIN F.		HOME ADDRESS 5804 Roosevelt Street, Bethesda, Maryland.	
NEXT OF KIN Mrs. L. F. Black		ADDRESS Same as above	
REL Mother		TEL	
RECOMMENDED BY		ADDRESS	
ORIGINATING OFFICER		OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENT	
INTERVIEWER		ORDERS Requested 19 Oct 11-13-43	
DATED		MOVEMENT	
APPROVALS		A. G. O.	
S. S. O: REQUESTED		PASSPORT	
APPROVED		VISAS	
SECURITY: REQUESTED		PROCESSING COMPLETED	
APPROVED		HD Q. CHECKLIST	
OVERSEAS: REQUESTED		T O. CHECKLIST	
APPROVED 12-1-43		CABLES TO THEATER COMMANDER	
TRANSFER: REQUESTED			
EFFECTED 12 NOV 43 11/23/44			
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IN 10157 #1507 DORRING TO 109. par #3-Strongly recommend prompt dispatch of subject. Situation so serious that usual 30-day leave would result in missing target date. Therefore, urge it be dispensed with wherever possible. Subject reld fr asgmt to SO Br and asgd to Dir O per par 5, SO 67, Hqs & Hqs Det, OSS ETO dtd 29 Mar 45.

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BLACK		EDWIN	F.	M	American	U.S.			023012 CAC
LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	INITIAL	SEX	NATIONALITY	CITIZEN	S. S. STATUS	A. G. C. Y.	SERIAL NUMBER
DATE OF BIRTH		17 Aug. 1915							
PLACE		New Orleans, Virginia.							
MARITAL STATUS: SINGLE		X		MARRIED		DIVORCED		WIDOW (ER)	
DEPENDENTS: TOTAL		PARTIAL		CHILDREN		IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE			
LOCATOR						TO BE COMPLETED BY			
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1 HOME	5804 Roosevelt Street,			TEL.		TYPHOID	1		
	Bethesda, Maryland.						2		
2 OFFICE	Hq. HDCB, Fort Story, Virginia.			TEL.		TETANUS	1		
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							2		
7				TEL.		STIM			
						OTHER VACCINES			
8				TEL.		SMALLPOX			
						REACTION			
						YELLOW FEVER			
						LOT NO.			
						BLOOD TYPE			